

# FINAL BILL REPORT

## SHB 1913

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Synopsis as Enacted

**Brief Description:** Changing provisions relating to process servers.

**Sponsors:** House Committee on Judiciary (originally sponsored by Representatives Warnick, Flannigan and Simpson).

**House Committee on Judiciary**  
**Senate Committee on Judiciary**

#### **Background:**

A person who serves legal process for a fee must be registered with the auditor of the county in which the process server resides or operates his or her principal place of business. This registration requirement does not apply to:

- sheriffs and other government employees acting in the course of employment;
- attorneys or the attorney's employees who are not serving process on a fee basis;
- persons appointed by the court to serve the court's process;
- employees of a registered process server; and
- persons who do not receive a fee or wage for serving process.

#### **Summary:**

All process servers who serve process for a fee must be Washington residents at least 18 years of age or older. The residency requirement does not apply to those persons who are exempt from the requirement to register with the county auditor. Employees of a registered process server are no longer exempt from the registration requirement.

#### **Votes on Final Passage:**

House	96	0
Senate	44	0

**Effective:** June 10, 2010

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